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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL TOURISM
WORKING GROUP MEETING

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1. RICHARD O'BRIEN, VICE PRESIDENT OF US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS GIVEN US ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUP. O'BRIEN HAS CABLED V. BOYCHENKO, FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN TOURISM AND MEMBER OF THE TOURISM WORKING GROUP, REQUESTING THAT THE VISIT USA COMMITTEE BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 20 AND 21. O'BRIEN SAID THAT BOYCHENKO MUST AGREE THAT VISIT THE USA ITEM BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING AND SAID THAT THE REQUEST SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TWO OR THREE WEEKS EARLIER. HE DID NOT YET KNOW HOW BOYCHENKO WILL REACT.

2. AS A CONTINGENCY MEASURE, IN CASE IT SHOULD BE NEEDED, WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO RECONSTITUTE THE VISIT USA COMMITTEE. THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE: EMBASSY COUNSEORS FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, AND PRESS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, THE PAN AMERICAN USSR DIRECTOR, THE MCGRAW HILL RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT, THE
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SENIOR (AMERICAN) VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS. THE COMMITTEE PLANS TO MEET THIS WEEK.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM TEDESCO OF AMERICAN EXPRESS THAT THE US DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN MOSCOW ON MARCH 19, AND THAT THE MEETINGS WILL BE ON MARCH 20 AND

21. ACCORDING TO TEDESCO, FABIAN CHAVEZ WILL BE LEAVING
ON MARCH 22.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE FROM THE
DEPARTMENT ON THIS MATTER. WE STILL WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN KNOWING WHY SOVIETS ARE SAID TO HAVE PRESSED HARD FOR
THIS MEETING, AS NO ONE HERE KNOWS WHY, AND WE DOUBT
SOVIETS ARE IN THE MOOD TO BE EXPANSIVE ABOUT THEIR OWN
CITIZENS' TRAVEL. TOON

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